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Father of Vaad Ha'Ir Dies

Mr. Casper Caplan, generally recognized as the father of the Vaad Ha'Ir, passed away in Ottawa on June 6th. (Sivan 4) in his 73rd year.

A founding member of the Congregation Adath Jeshurun more than fifty years ago, he took an active part throughout a long public career of devotion to his people and its institutions in the building of the Ottawa Talmud Torah, the Vaad Hakashruth, the Hebrew Free Loan Association, and the crowning work of his life, the Vaad Ha'Ir.

At the time of his death Mr. Caplan was an honorary Vice-President of the Vaad Ha'Ir, having been raised to that eminence only a few months ago. On his 70th birthday his synagogue, the Congregation Adath Jeshurun, of which he had been President for a period of five years, made a celebration in his honour, and he was presented with an inscribed cane. At that occasion the honorary President of the synagogue, Mr. A. J. Freiman, in presenting the token of esteem, made the observation. "If a poll were to be taken in the Jewish community as to the most popular citizen, C. Caplan would undoubtedly emerge the winner".

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A Message by Mr. Zagerman

Friends of the Ottawa Jewish Community:

A great honour has been bestowed upon me this year by the Vaad Ha'Ir in appointing me the Chairman of so sacred a cause as the Joint Distribution Committee. I hope I shall not disappoint the leaders of our city who have placed this confidence in me. With your help, I will not.

Above all, it is our earnest duty in the free lands of the world to bring food, clothing, medical supplies, and relief to our afflicted brothers and sisters in all parts of the world. Surely a work of that kind deserves the maximum response on our part.

The Jewish situation in the world today is so tragic that, unfortunately, no matter how much money we raise through the J. D. C., we cannot save all who are in need. On the other hand, every contribution, every addition to our former gifts, and every dollar that comes in will increase the total number of men, women and children who are saved.

In such a crisis, with so much good to be accomplished, each of us must strain himself to the utmost to do his share. Until the Almighty brings us victory and peace, let us solemnly pledge our energies to the salvaging of innocent lives that have been cruelly shattered, to the repair of families that have been broken up, to the building of morale among wandering refugees.

I know that the heart of Ottawa Jewry is warm. I am certain that you will join with me in this holy partnership of salvation.

Mr. MORRIS ZAGERMAN,
Chairman, 1943 J. D. C.
Campaign.

YOUR PERSECUTED BRETHREN
Call upon you to attend the
MASS MEETING
at the
TALMUD TORAH HALL
on
SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 8.30 P.M.

Famous Author Here

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal (M. A. Harvard University) author, lecturer, world traveller and historian, will address a mass meeting in the Talmud Torah Hall, Sunday June 27th, at 8.30 p.m. He is coming here as the guest speaker to help launch the annual campaign of the Joint Distribution Committee, which is being headed in Ottawa this year by Mr. M. Zagerman.

The wide experience Mr. Lowenthal has had in Jewish life include his directorship of the Zionist Bureau for the Pacific Coast (1916-20), the associate editorship of the Menorah Journal and years of travel in Europe, North Africa, and the Near East. For a time, he represented Jewish minority interests at the League of Nations, and for two years he was Secretary of the World Conference for International Peace Through Religion in Paris, 1928-30. His writings include: "A World Passed By", a book of great interest today because of its descriptions of Jewish antiquities in North Africa; "The Autobiography of Michael de Montaigne", based on the work of the great French philosopher; "The Memoirs of Glueckel of Hameln", a translation, with an illuminating introduction, of a 17th century classic; and his most recent work, "The Jews of Germany", a historical volume that has received tremendous acclaim throughout

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Wartime Prices and Trade Board Exemption Certificate No. 66, dated Feb. 9, 1943.

BATTLE AGAINST DEATH

Mass executions are probably responsible for fewer Jewish deaths in the world at present than actual starvation. The Nazis have calculated with diabolical shrewdness that at less cost to themselves in amunition and prestige they can destroy their victims by slow hunger. Although the vicious type of morale that characterizes their armed forces demands the enactment of such dramas as shooting people into graves dug by themselves, the steady policy calls for the extermination of the Jews in every occupied territory by preventing them from obtaining food. The illusion is even created that the other sections of the conquered populace will have more to eat if their Hebrew neighbors succumb.

As everybody realizes, the principal force in the world that seeks to overthrow this entire murderous scheme is located in the military strength of the United Nations. The quicker they will overpower the already weakening Fascist armies, the sooner will alleviation come for the oppressed countries of the earth, and for the tortured men and women of Abraham's seed. But there is a second highly important force that is mightily engaged in this gruesome battle against death. It is the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Where does the Joint Distribution Committee operate? In every land, on every continent wherever Jews are found who must be assisted and who can be reached, directly or indirectly, the helping hand of the J.D.C. brings its blessing. It is impossible to estimate how many escaped refugees arrived at a haven of safety, how many old men and women found comfort in the sunset of their days, how many able-bodied Jews entered useful employment, how many little children were spared the pangs of starvation because the Jewish leaders in North America had the bigness of heart and the breath of vision to found an organization whose purpose it is to aid the afflicted and the uprooted, to keep them alive. healthy and hopeful, without distinction as to former weath, position, or political beliefs. Charity in its highest and noblest sense—that [illegible] basic attitude of the Joint program.

Adolph Hitler would have had to his infamous credit many more Jewish suicides, many more broken families, many more dispirited men and women, many more Hebrew orphans, were it not for the unceasing heroism of the J.D.C. workers all over the world and the glorious generosity of American and Canadian Jewish contributors. Only after the smoke of the European confusion has been cleared away by the awaited victory of the righteous cause shall we know how horrible has been massacre of Israel, how brilliant has been the rescue work of the J.D.C.—when, perhaps, a man who wrote out his cheque will discover that his uncle's children or his mother's cousins were the immediate beneficiaries.

On June 27th we shall have our campaign in Ottawa. One of the gifted authors on the contemporary scene, Mr. Marvin Lowenthal, will give us a graphic description of the way in which the J.D.C. battles against death. The members of our community will decide that night what share they want to take in saving Jewish lives. Where the stakes are so high and holy, we dare not fail.

JUDAISM FOR THE SUMMER

The summer months offer certain opportunities for the practice of our Jewish ceremonies that ought not to be overlooked. Parents who find it difficult to get their boys to put on Tefillin during the regular school year, because they are rushed for time in the morning, might well remind their sons that during the vacation weeks, at least, morning prayers can be recited without worrying about the nine o'clock bell. Evening services at the synagogues come late enough in the day so that business people can, if only they desire it, participate in the Minchah and Maariv worship. In particular, the Friday evening service ought to be marked at this season of the year by much larger attendance than is usual for the winter months.

There is sufficient time in summer for children to read the Grace After Meals (benschen) and thus give thanks to the Creator for the blessings they enjoy, no longer universal, of eating their meals in peace and comfort. To mothers racking their brains for activities with which to keep their youngsters occupied, the suggestion is made that children should review at home the material they covered during the year in their Hebrew classes. Then the somewhat flimsy excuse for sending boys and girls to the theatre on Saturday, because it is claimed that their school work does not give them a chance to see a movie during the week, falls away entirely, and it may be hoped that the children will during these months break away from the habit of seeking their Oneg Shabbos at the cinema.

Let the idea be entertained, finally, that those who go out to their summer cottages for relaxation devote some of their reading time to literature of Jewish interest. It does not detract from the decorative effects of such a cottage to have a Chumash, and some Jewish periodicals, and a volume or two of Jewish history on the premises. In short, while getting the necessary tan, why not bolster the parched

F.O. C. Torontow Decorated

The first Jew of the Ottawa community to be decorated in this war is F. O. Cyril Torontow, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Torontow, 312 Somerset Street East, whose name appeared in the King's Honour List as a winner of the Air Force Cross.

Cyril joined the RCAF before the outbreak of the war, and he won his way up from the ranks, having to his credit an exceptionally large number of flying hours.

The family belongs to the Cong. Adath Jeshurun (King Edward Ave.)

CANDLES FOR SHABBOS

June 25	8.34 p.m.
July 2	8.32 "
July 9	8.31 "
July 16	8.27 "
July 23	8.21 "

JACK COOPER MISSING

Flight Sgt. Jack Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cooper of 422 Arlington Avenue, is reported by the R.C.A.F. as missing in action. It is the earnest prayer of our community that he will be found safe.

The family has been affiliated with the Cong Bnai Jacob (James St.) for many years, and Jack was Bar Mitzvah there.

Overseas Honour Roll

The following Ottawans on active service recently arrived overseas:

Bookman, WO 2 A.

English, Cpl. Alex.

Greenberg, Flt. Sgt. A.

Polowin, LAC. D.

Shapiro, Lieut. B.

Sobcov, LAC. Norman.

IT'S MAJOR HARRIS NOW

Major Hy Harris was recently elevated to that rank from the Captaincy. He is Commanding Officer of No. 3 Divisional Ordnance Workshop. Congregation Agudath Achim (Rideau Street) numbers him among its loyal members.

DOCTOR ADVANCES

Major Abe Hurtig was advanced to that rank by the Medical Corps only two weeks ago. He is married to the former Florence Levinson of Ottawa.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Service men and women throughout the summer will be welcome at the Tel Aviv Tennis & Athletic Club, where every effort will be made by the young people of our community to make them feel at home. Keep looking for announcements of special entertainment from time to time.

OTTAWA STUDENT WINS HONOURS

Mr. Moses W. Steinberg, son of Mr. & Mrs. L. Steinberg, former president of the Junior Hapoel Hamizrachi Group of Ottawa and affiiliated with the Congregation Machzikei Hadath, was awarded one of the highest scholarships available at Queen's University this year, when he won the Reuben Wells Leonard Fellowship for $500.00. Moe was also the winner of the Andrina McCulloch Scholarship for Public Speaking.

NO WEDDING BETWEEN—

July 20th and August 11th (the Three Weeks).

Winners of Talmud Torah Prizes

The following children were awarded the prizes given by the Talmud Torah Board on Sunday, June 20th, at the Cong. Agudath Achim:

Mechinah

Shinder, Ethel.
Rabin, Eli.
Klug, Esther.

Class Aleph

Soloway, Zelda.
Silver, Joseph.
Ballon, Sarah.

Class Beth.

Fasman, Zipporah.
Drazin, Avrom.
Zelikovitz, Sheila.

Class Gimel.

Ballon, Fred.
Betcherman, Esther.
Steinberg, Sarah.

Class Daleth.

Ballon, Hyman.
Fasman, Haym.
Tanenbaum, Abe.

Class Hai.

Rabin, Lionel.
Zelikovitz, Harold.
Greenberg, Bennie.

Class Vov.

Kravetz, Dov.
Pleet, Meyer.
Monson, Connie.

Yiddish Class

Beiles, Eileen.
Gold, Sarah.

Branch Aleph

Cherm, Dan.
Glustein, Shirley.
Flesher, Jack.

Branch Beth

Shostack, Bernard.
Cogan, Joel.
Schreiber, Mollie.

A Call by Mr. A. Bronfman

To the Jewish Community of Ottawa:

A trust has been reposed in the hands of the Jewish people of this continent. The discharge of this obligation to work day and night for the succour of their unfortunate brethen overseas can only be accomplished if everyone contributes to the appeals made on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The largest budget in the history of the J.D.C. was passed in January 1943 and approximated $10,000,000. The J.D.C. would have had to pass an allocation much larger but for its reliance on Canadian Jewry to participate in its program and to send monies for the relief of Jewry in those areas where, by consent of our Government officials, transmissions can be made.

It is an unfortunate and tragic fact that despite the large budget of the J.D.C. and the U.J.R. & W.R.A. in Canada, which operates in conjunction with the J.D.C., much more money could be utilized and consequently save our kith and kin in distressed areas if the responses in the campaigns were even larger.

Under the above premises I know full well that the good citizenry of Ottawa will respond to the appeal which will shortly be made on behalf of the J.D.C., and will moreover lend every cooperative effort to the committee in charge of the forthcoming campaign so that eve y dollar possible can be raised for the sacred task of saving our compatriots.

ABE BRONFMAN,

J.D.C. of Eastern Canada

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Many hundreds of people, including prominent Jewish and Christian friends, attended the funeral service conducted by Rabbi O. Z. Fasman and Rev. J. Rabin at the synagogue. In his tribute the Rabbi stated: "All of us live in the community, but of C. Caplan it may truly be said that the community lived in him."

The memory of the righteous is for a blessing!

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the literary world, telling in stirring language of the Jewish past in Germany and the catastrophe that came with the Nazi regime.

A gifted orator, with a superb command of dramatic description, Mr. Lowenthal will speak on the great work of the Joint Distribution Committee, with constant reference to his first-hand knowledge in the field.

Your Rabbi Said

The man who will not bow to a discipline from within himself will not escape undiciplined, for a discipline from without will be imposed upon him; and it is likewise with nations... The happiness of the home, like the security of the post-war world, depends upon careful planning characterized by honesty of the intellect and sympathy of the heart. To paraphrase an ancient scholar, the Shabbos has done more for us than we for it... There are only two kinds of things in the world: those that die and those that do not die. Your presence in the synagogue for Yizkor shows that you understand both kinds. You are here because somebody died, but you are here also because something did not die.... The wandering Jew survives, but will wandering Judaism survive?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, J. D. C. CAMPAIGN, 1943.

Honorary Chairmen, A. J. Freiman, Jacob Freedman.

Honorary Vice-Chairmen, O. Z. Fasman, Moses Loeb, S. J. Ritt.

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Treasurer, A. Shaffer.

Secretary, B. Goldfield, K.C.

Captains of Captains, Michael Greenberg, M. B. Abrams, Moe Shaffer.

SPEAKING ACTIVITIES

Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman addressed a highly successful U. P. A. Campaign meeting in Cornwall, on Thursday night, June 17th. He is scheduled to address the Mizrachi Palestine Fund Campaign in London, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 23rd. Mrs. O. Z. Fasman will address a Hadassah Donor Luncheon in Kingston, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 23rd.

The Rabbi has been invited to participate in a symposium on, "Religion and the New Order", in which a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister will participate. The symposium will be included in the program of the Rideau Summer Conference of Ministers that will be held at the end of July in Merrickville, Ont.

Towards Sabbath Observance

Recognizing all the difficulties confronting the desire to observe the Sabbath, the Rabbi suggests the following order of questions for our people to consider, in the conviction that to respect the Day of Rest in some measure is better than to ignore it entirely.

1. Can you, indeed, not afford to keep your place of business closed on Shabbos?

2. Can you perhaps close on the Saturdays of the summer months, like some of the companies in Ottawa, Montreal, etc.?

3. Can you at least arrange not to be at your place of business yourself on Saturday?

4. If not, can you manage not to be there one Saturday each month, or every six weeks, etc.?

5 If several of you are together in a business, can you not work out a system by which at least one can remain away on Shabbos, or on certain Saturdays?

6. Can you perhaps arrange to be at the synagogue Saturday morning?

7. Can you not arrange that at least your sons and daughters go to the synagogue on Shabbos?

8. Is it absolutely necessary that your children take their music lessons on Shabbos? their haircuts? their movie hours?

9. Does your home have the Shabbos atmosphere with candles, kiddush, traditional meals?

10. Can you not do all the cooking, baking, and shopping before Shabbos?

NEW TALMUD TORAH PUPILS

Although the Board of the Ottawa Talmud Torah has decided to conduct an intensive campaign for new pupils to be enrolled in the various classes the last week of August, it is highly advisable that parents who are planning to send their children for next year should notify the Principal, Rabbi B. Kravetz, at once. During the summer weeks of Talmud Torah class work a special effort will be made to help children who dropped behind in their studies during the year, and children who would like to enter some of the more advanced classes next fall, by reviewing with them the material that they will have to know before they can continue with the regular groups.

It is the intention of the Board to give the pupils of the Talmud Torah the entire month of August as vacation.